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SUBJECT: ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

AMMAN FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY; DIA FOR A2 AND DI5

1. IN 45-MINUTE MID-DAY SESSION MARCH 2, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
AGREED TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO PROPOSE TO
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PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC THAT DIVORCE REFERENDUM BE SET FOR MAY 12.

RUMOR IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR QUIRANALE PALACE TO FORMALLY ADVISE PRESIDENT LEONE OF THESE TWO ACTIONS. PRIOR TO SESSION, RUMOR CONSULTED PRIVATELY WITH COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY BERLINGUER AND LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENT MALAGODI, AND ALSO TALKED ON PHONE WITH MSI PARTY SECRETARY ALMIRANTE. PRESUMABLY THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE TO ADVISE THEM OF PLANNED DATE OF REFERENDUM.

2. PLI SOURCE CLOSE TO MALAGODI TELLS US THAT PRESIDENT LEONE WILL HOLD TRADITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS ON MONDAY, MARCH 4 AND WILL FINISH INITIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH POLITICAL LEADERS ON TUESDAY. SOURCE PREDICTED THAT LEONE, AFTER THESE CONSULTATIONS, WILL ASK RUMOR TO ATTEMPT TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. VOLPE

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